



Easy-to-Read Document #DontWriteForUsWithoutUs

Welcome!

This is an easy-to-read document.

We use easy-to-read documents to involve people with intellectual disabilities by using texts that are easy to read and understand.

Text that is in bold font is the main information.

Text below the bold font gives more information.

This is information about the Indiana Supported Decision-Making State Plan.

What is it?

Disability and aging organizations in Indiana are working on a state plan for supported decision making.

Supported Decision-Making is a way for a person to make their own decisions with the advice and support of people they choose.

You can learn more about supported decision making in an easy-to-read document titled “Top 7 Things to Know About Supported Decision-Making”.

This document can be found in the same folder this document is in.

You can also learn more about supported decision making by clicking this link:

<https://www.in.gov/idr/2758.htm>

The goal of the state plan is for more people to use supported decision making and other options that are not guardianship.

An example of other options is a person that reminds you to take your medication.

A more formal example is a Power of Attorney.

A Power of Attorney is a person who can act for you in some situations.

You can learn more about other options that are not guardianship by clicking this link:

<https://www.in.gov/idr/2686.htm>

Why is a plan needed?

In 2019, Indiana passed a law that allows supported decision-making.

Now we need a state plan that helps people learn about supported decision-making and how to use it.

We need you to help us.

A state plan is a document that will help guide us.

How can I help?

We want the state plan to include your ideas.

We also want the state plan to include the ideas of other people with disabilities and older adults.

We are using a peer-to-peer model.

A peer-to-peer model means people with disabilities are working with other people with disabilities.

A peer-to-peer model helps the state plan be created by people with disabilities.

This is important because supported decision-making affects people with disabilities so we should be the people making the plan.

We want you to be part of this project.

You can be a part of this project by:

- Be a Discussion Leader
- Be a Supporter
- Participate in or Host a Discussion Group

Be a Discussion Leader.

We want discussion leaders to be people with disabilities.

Discussion leaders will:

- **Receive training in October 2020.**
- **Lead conversations about supported decision-making.**
- **Lead conversations about other options that are not guardianship.**
- **Collect Feedback.**
- **Receive support.**
- **Be paid for your time.**
- **Be paid for your travel.**
- **Be an important part of creating the state plan for supported decision-making.**

If you are interested, please fill out our online form.

You can ask someone to help you fill out this form.

You can fill out the form by clicking this link:

<https://forms.office.com/?redirecturl=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2FPages%2FDesignPage.aspx%23FormId%3DurZlQmkE0wxBi0WTPYjVsdfwJDYp1En6b4ThF0dDpUQkFOSzhaWEhNUzdNN1FVMzFWMUZHQ1pKWS4u#>

Participate in a Discussion Group.

If you don't want to be a discussion leader you can still be part of a discussion group.

Information from discussion groups is important because it comes from people with disabilities and older adults.

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Questions?

You can learn more information at our online event.

The event is on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 12 pm, EST.

You can contact Kristin Dulaney for more information.

Kristin's email address is

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You can also call Indiana Disability Rights.

Their phone number is (317) 419-7595.